

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A clamping device for ~~a the~~ steering column of a motor vehicle, said device comprising

first and second jaw-shaped components running vertically parallel to one another, between which a casing tube of the steering column extends and which have two opposing through-openings, and

a clamping bolt, which passes through the through-openings and interacts by tensioning with a counter-element in order to apply the clamping force, the bolt head being arranged on sides of the exterior of the first jaw-shaped component and the counter-element on sides of the exterior of the second jaw-shaped component, wherein

one jaw-shaped component (2) is of elastically flexible design, at least in the thickness direction, and the other jaw-shaped component (3) is of flexurally rigid design, at least in the thickness direction.

2. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the two components (2, 3) are made from the same material, the flexurally rigid component (3) being designed with a correspondingly large wall thickness and the elastically flexible component (2) with a correspondingly small wall thickness.
3. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the two components (2, 3) are fitted to the body of the vehicle.

4. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the two components ~~component~~ (2, 3) are arranged on a mounting bracket (5), which is firmly fixed to the vehicle.
5. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one transversely flexible shim (12, 13), which is fixed to the steering column casing tube, is arranged on the clamping bolt (6) next to an exterior (10, 11) of at least one of the components (2, 3).